

Free to Hate?

Part 1 Directions

As a class we will review two of the resources below. As we review them, consider the question: *Should online hate speech be censored?* Capture your thoughts in the notes section. Review additional resources as time allows.

Resource 1



Watch: **What Does Free Speech Mean on College Campuses?**

KQED ABOVE THE NOISE, (6 MINS.)

Resource 2



Watch: **The 3 Rules of Hate Speech: Free Speech Rules (Episode 2)**

EUGENE VOLOKH, REASONTV, UPLOADED TO YOUTUBE.COM, 2/19/2019 (4 MINS.)

Resource 3



Read: **GoDaddy Bans Neo-Nazi Website Daily Stormer in Crackdown on Hate Speech**

WASHINGTON POST, ADAPTED BY NEWSELA, 8/7/2017 (6 MINS.)

Resource 4



Read: **What's Gab, the Social Platform Used by the Pittsburgh Shooting Suspect?**

BRIAN STELTER AND PAUL P. MURPHY, CNN.COM, 10/27/2018 (5 MINS.)



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Notes Tracker:

| Resource # | For Censoring Online Hate Speech | Against Censoring Online Hate Speech |
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Part 2 Directions

Think about apps or websites you have used or seen that allow users to comment to or message with each other. Do they have rules for what can or cannot be posted? Choose one app you have used or are interested in learning about, and research what rules they have in place. This information can generally be found under the "acceptable use policy" or "community guidelines" portion of the app's website. For example, Facebook's policies can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/communitystandards/>.

Use what you find to complete the table below.

What is the name of the app or website?

What kind of app or website is it?
What do people use it for?

What rules does the app or website have for what people can post?
What is or isn't allowed?

Does the app or website censor hate speech? Yes, no, or partially?
Explain how the app or website's policies apply or don't apply to hate speech.

Do you agree with the app or website's policy on hate speech?
Why, or why not?



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Imagine that you have just been selected to design a new app. This app can be for whatever purpose you choose: social media, gaming, entertainment, news reporting, video sharing, etc. The one requirement is that this app must include a *community* feature, where users can talk to each other through comments or direct messages. As part of this feature, you are required to have a policy on what type of language is allowed and what type isn't. Use the space below to describe your app and write your policy.

What kind of app are you designing? What do people use it for?

What is the name of your app?

Would you protect or censor hate speech? How would you define it?

Explain your policy. Why did you choose the position you did?

